

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18 – 29 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1 – 17 and 30 – 37 have been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 30 – 33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,774,602 to Taguchi et al. (hereinafter referred to as “the Taguchi et al. ‘602 patent”); and the Examiner indicated that claims 18 – 29 are allowed.

By this Response and Amendment, claims 30 – 33 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the no new matter, within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132, has been introduced.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 30 – 33 as being anticipated by the Taguchi et al. ‘602 patent.

Response

By this Response and Amendment, claims 30 – 33 have been canceled thereby rendering the Examiner’s rejection thereto moot.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

CONCLUSION

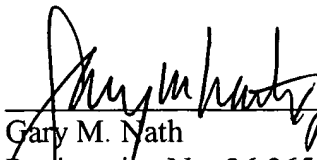
In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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